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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE FROM HARROP

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SUBJECT: BILATERALS IN RABAT

SAHARA ISSUE
1. SEPTEL SUMMARIZES SITUATION AS WE UNDERSTAND IT REGARDING SAHARA DISPUTE AND EFFORTS AT NEW NEGOTIATIONS IN WAKE OF MAURITANIAN COUP, AND SUGGESTS SOME QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT PUT TO BADDOU.

ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCANS IN SHABA.
2. IN ABSENCE OF INTERAGENCY DECISIONS IN REGARD TO U.S. ROLE IN RE-SUPPLYING THE AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN SHABA, YOU SHOULD REPEAT TO BADDOU WHAT HAL SAUNDERS TOLD HASSAN JUNE 21 (RABAT 4441).
TALKING POINT: WE APPRECIATE IMPORTANT ROLE MOROCCO IS PLAYING IN SHABA PEACEKEEPING EFFORT, AND WE ARE LOOKING IN TO WHAT WE OR OTHERS MIGHT DO TO ASSIST THEM FURTHER IN SUPPORT OF THE FORCE.
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3. AS SUBJECT OF FRENCH SUPPORT FOR MOROCCANS AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN RE-SUPPLY APPARENTLY WAS NOT CLARIFIED IN CONVERSATIONS WHICH YOU AND UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM HAD IN PARIS, WE ARE CONSIDERING ASKING EMBASSY PARIS TO RAISE THIS MATTER. FRENCH UTILIZATION OF THE FUNDS THEY

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REPORTEDLY SECURED FROM SAUDI ARABIA TO FINANCE THE SHABA EFFORT REMAINS RATHER MURKY. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO DRAW OUT BADDOU ON QUESTION OF ANY COMMITMENTS FRENCH MAY HAVE MADE AND EXTENT TO WHICH THEY HAVE ALREADY COMPENSATED GOM FOR SHABA OUTLAYS.

4. US MILITARY SALES TO MOROCCO. SUBJECT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN FULLY AND SATISFACTORILY COVERE) IN MEETING BETWEEN SAUNDERS AND KING HASSAN (RABAT 4443) AND WE SEE NO REASON FOR YOU TO GET INTO THIS QUESTION. VANCE

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